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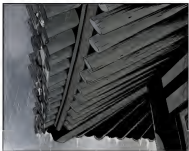
RYU KI-WOON MOON JUNG-HOO
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CHAPTER 17
SOH JINHONG, THE ROSY-CHEEKED
SWORD FIEND (7)

SSSWAA...



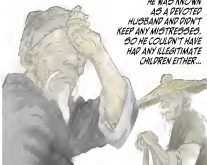
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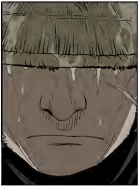
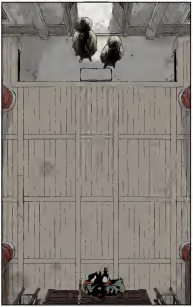


MASTER SON CHEONGWON
OF THE SOSEONDANG DIDN'T
HAVE A SON. PERHAPS YOU'RE
MISTAKEN, YOUNG MAN?

HE WAS KNOWN
AS A DEVOTED
HUSBAND AND DIDN'T
KEEP ANY MISTRESSES.
SO HE COULDN'T HAVE
HAD ANY ILLEGITIMATE
CHILDREN EITHER...









NOW THAT YOU
KNOW THIS HOUSE
ISN'T EMPTY...

...GET OUT
WHILE YOU
STILL CAN



WE'RE FROM THE
BABKAMA VALLEY. YOU
MUST'VE HEARD OF US.





WIPING
OUT THE HEAVEN
EARTH ASSOCIATION WAS
AN IMPRESSIVE FEAT, BUT
YOU DIDN'T DO US ANY
FAVOURS.

WE'VE SPENT A
WHOLE LOT OF TIME
AND EFFORT TRYING
TO FIND OUT WHO'S
BEHIND THEM.



I'LL CUT TO
THE CHASE.



COME TO THE BAEKMA
VALLEY. WE'LL GIVE YOU
WHAT YOU WANT.

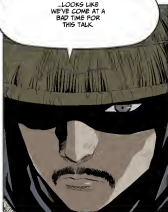


PISS
OFF.





...LOOKS LIKE
WE'VE COME AT A
BAD TIME FOR
THIS TALK.



THUD

WE'VE BROUGHT
SOME FOOD. LET'S HASH
THIS OUT LATER WHEN
YOU'VE REGAINED YOUR
STRENGTH A BIT.

WE'LL
BE BACK.





...A STEWARD?
AT THE GOSEONGPANG? THAT'S NEW TO ME...



THEY LIVED AN HONEST AND
FRUGAL LIFE, AND THE MISTRESS
MANAGED THE HOUSEHOLD
DUTIES HERSELF.

THEY HAD A COUPLE OF
MAIDS, BUT NO ONE WHO
COULD BE CALLED A STEWARD...



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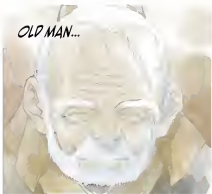
HE MUST BE THE YOUNG MAN WHO'S
BEEN ASKING AROUND THE VILLAGE LATELY
ABOUT THE OLD GOSEONGPANG.

THERE MUST BE A STORY BEHIND
IT THAT HE CAN'T SHARE...





OLD MAN...



WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

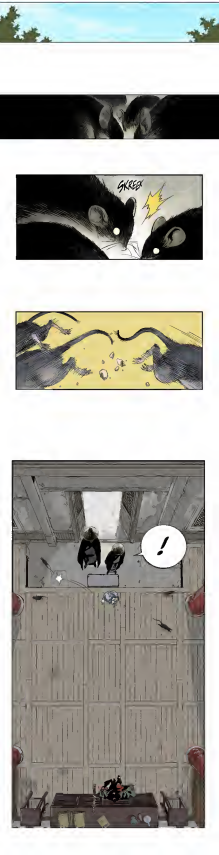


AND...



WHO THE
HELL AM I...?

SSSWAAA...





...DISPOSED OF
THE BODIES...?

?!


NO.


BUT I THINK I
MAY KNOW WHO'S
BEHIND IT.


BEFORE WE GET
TO THAT, HAVE YOU
CONSIDERED OUR
'OFFER'?



...

BAEKMA...
VALLEY...



THERE'RE ALL
SORTS OF WEIRD RUMOURS
SURROUNDING IT, BUT IN THE
END, YOU'RE JUST A BUNCH OF
MERCENARIES FOR HIRE.



DO YOU EVEN KNOW
WHAT I WANT?



YES, OF
COURSE.

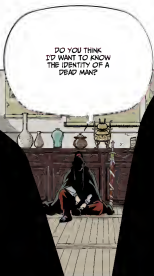


THE IDENTITY OF
THE OLD MAN WHO'S
ACCOMPANIED YOU?



RIGHT?





WHO SAYS
HE'S DEAD?

ARE YOU SURE THE
CORPSE YOU SAW WAS
REALLY 'HIM'?



THAT'S... THE SAME
LINE THAT THE LEADER
OF THE HEAVEN EARTH
ASSOCIATION FED ME...



HMPH.

I GUESS HE
WASN'T A COMPLETE
FOOL.

ABOUT THAT OLD
MAN. DID HIS ATTITUDE
SUDDENLY CHANGE
RECENTLY?

LIKE,
WANTING TO CUT
TIES WITH THE HEAVEN
EARTH ASSOCIATION,
FOR EXAMPLE...

AND WHILE WE'RE AT
IT, PLEASE STOP
MEETING WITH THEM.

UNDER THE GUISE
OF HELPING YOU, THEY
KEEP CROSSING
THE LINE.

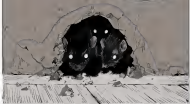
GUESS I'M RIGHT...

DO YOU
KNOW WHY?



IT'S BECAUSE
HE BECAME AWARE
OF OUR PRESENCE.

OUR NETWORK
OF INFORMANTS
INVESTIGATING
THE HEAVEN EARTH
ASSOCIATION
LEARNED OF HIS
EXISTENCE,
YOU SEE.

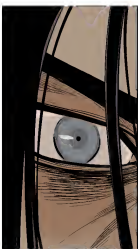


HE'S A TRULY
METICULOUS MAN. WE'D
ENCOUNTERED HIM ONCE
THE SAME WAY IN THE PAST,
THOUGH WE ONLY FOUND
OUT RECENTLY THAT WE
WERE DEALING WITH
THE SAME MAN.



THE MOMENT HE
REALISED THAT WE WERE
WATCHING HIM, HE PULLED
UP STAKES AND BRASSED
HIS PRESENCE.

WE WERE
INVESTIGATING
THE SHINMU
AT THE TIME.



WHAT...
ABOUT...

THE SHINMU?



THAT'S AS MUCH
AS I CAN DIVULGE
TO AN OUTSIDER.

IF YOU WANT TO
KNOW MORE, COME TO
THE BAEKMA VALLEY.



LET ME TELL YOU
NOW THAT THIS IS THE
LAST TIME WE'LL MAKE
YOU AN 'OFFER'.

WE WON'T BE
COMING BACK
AGAIN.



IF THIS IS ALL
JUST SOME STORY
YOU MADE UP TO GET
ME TO JOIN YOU...

DO AS
YOU WILL.

WE SPOKE THOSE
WORDS, SO WE'LL
TAKE RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THEM.





I ALMOST
FORGOT.

IF YOU'RE COMING
TO BAKMA VALLEY, GIVE
THE AREA AROUND YELLOW
DRAGON MOUNTAIN A
WIDE BERTH.





YELLOW
DRAGON
MOUNTAIN?



A *MONSTER* LIVES
THERE. YOU'VE *CROSSED*
PATHS WITH HIM ONCE
YOURSELF, I BELIEVE.



WORD IS THAT THE
MONSTER'S *SCOURING*
THE LANDS SURROUNDING
YELLOW DRAGON MOUNTAIN
EVERY DAY TO FIND YOU.



IT'S NOT
THAT I'M DEVALUING
YOUR SWORDSMANSHIP,
BUT HE'S *NOT* SOMEONE
YOU CAN HANDLE.

I'D RATHER NOT SEE
A TALENTED POTENTIAL
RECRUIT FALL PREY
TO THAT MONSTER.

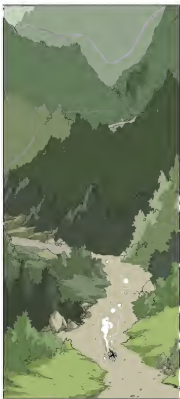


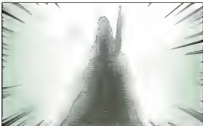


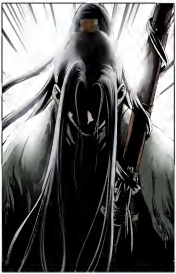


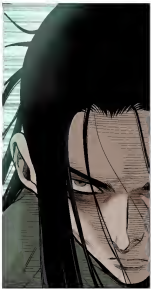
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GUESS HE'S IN
A HURRY, HUH...?







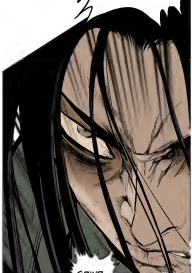




**YOU AREN'T
GETTING AWAY
THIS TIME.**



HMPH.



GRIND...



THINK
YOU'VE
GOT
WHAT IT
TAKES?

WE WANT
SCS
TODAY

TO GROW OUR SMALL
TEAM AND WE'RE
LOOKING
FOR AN EXPERIENCED
CLEANER
REDRAWER
AND

DROP US A LINE AT
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